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1. 'Aziz al-Shaykh was a member of the Central Committee of the Iraqi Communist Party until his arrest and imprisonment following the November 1952 riots in Baghdad. Although he is now the "responsible" for the communist organization in Baghdad Prison, he is still considered an inactive member of the Central Committee. In the absence of a great change in the organization of the Party, 'Aziz al-Shaykh will revert to his former status as an active Central Committee member on his release.
2. 'Umar Abdullah Muhi-al-Din¹ is the "responsible" for the Kurdish Branch of the Iraq Communist Party and is also a member of the Central Committee. He is originally from Kirkuk where he used to work as a laborer in a mill which was owned by one Mukram al-Talibani, a lawyer.
3. Amir 'Abdullah¹ is a lawyer from Ana, Iraq, who used to work in the Directorate General of Imports. He was dismissed from his position there and then began to practice law. He is the contact between the Central Committee and the Partisans of Peace in Iraq, and is now in hiding.

1. Comment. It is difficult to distinguish between 'Umar 'Abdullah Muhi-al-Din and Amir 'Abdullah, since Iraqis normally refer to the former as 'Umar 'Abdullah.

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